

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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2 accomplishments of Dr. Patrick O'Meara.

3 *Whereas, Patrick O'Meara, Ph.D., has had a profound,*
4 *worldwide impact as an educator and ambassador of higher*
5 *education for over four decades and is considered a renowned*
6 *scholar of international development, comparative politics, and*
7 *African politics;*

8 *Whereas, Dr. O'Meara's international expertise began with*
9 *his early days in South Africa where he was born and received*
10 *a degree from the University of Capetown in political science,*
11 *with a specialty in African politics;*

12 *Whereas, Dr. O'Meara then furthered his expertise with a*
13 *degree from Indiana University before going on to serve at the*
14 *university starting in 1960, in positions including the faculty of*
15 *the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, as Director of*
16 *the African Studies Program, as Dean of International*
17 *Programs, and as the first Vice President for International*
18 *Affairs;*

19 *Whereas, Throughout his tenure at Indiana University, Dr.*
20 *O'Meara led the effort to create the university's first*
21 *international strategic plan, one of the first such plans in the*
22 *nation, and Dr. O'Meara contributed significantly to a study*
23 *undertaken by the United States Department of State's Bureau*



1 *of Educational and Cultural Affairs as well, which ranked*
 2 *Indiana University second nationally in the number of*
 3 *international partnership grants;*

4 *Whereas, Even since his retirement in 2011, Dr. O'Meara*
 5 *has continued to serve Indiana University as Chairman of the*
 6 *Center for International Education and Development*
 7 *Assistance, as Special Advisor to the President, and he*
 8 *graciously hosts visiting dignitaries at Indiana University;*

9 *Whereas, For his dedication to international partnerships*
 10 *and higher education, Dr. O'Meara has been recognized across*
 11 *the globe with the Cross of Saint George in Spain, the Warsaw*
 12 *University Medal, the Amicus Poloniae from the Embassy of*
 13 *Poland, an honorary doctorate from the National Institute of*
 14 *Development University in Thailand, and the Gold Medal Cross*
 15 *of Merit of the Republic of Hungary; and*

16 *Whereas, Dr. O'Meara has also been extensively*
 17 *recognized by Indiana University through the Thomas Hart*
 18 *Benton Medal, the John W. Ryan Award for Distinguished*
 19 *Contributions to International Programs and Studies, the*
 20 *Distinguished Service Award, and the President's Medal for*
 21 *Excellence: Therefore,*

22 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
 23 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

24 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the life
 25 and accomplishments of Dr. Patrick O'Meara.

26 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
 27 transmit copies of this Resolution to Dr. Patrick O'Meara, Indiana
 28 University President Michael A. McRobbie, the Indiana University
 29 Office of International Services, and the Indiana University Center for
 30 the Study of Global Change.

